agree to a percentage distribution of jobs between Bombay seamen and Calcutta seamen with a view to solving problems of unemployment at Calcutta. A meeting was held by Director General of Shipping on 27-3-1973 with the representatives of shipowners and seamen unions of Bombay/ Calcutta. In the meeting it was considered that in future in case of every new ship efforts should be made to take more crew from Calcutta as far as possible with a view to reach and maintain the rate of 70 : 30 between Bombay and Calcutta. However, the Bombay union did not agree to this formula.

(e) The representation on National Welfare Board for Seafarers which is a statutory body, is governed by the National Welfare Board for Seafarers Rules, 1963. The rules provide for two representatives of seafarers on the Board. One member from the majority seamen's union and the other from the officers union are appointed on the Board.

The reconstitution of the Seafarers Welfare Fund Society is under consideration. However, the recognition period of the F.S.U.I. has expired early 1987. Ministry of Labour has been requested to conduct fresh verification of membership of seamen's unions for recognition purpose.

As regard's, National Maritime Day Celebration Committee, seamen Unions are free to approach the Chairman of the local Committee for representation.

The National Maritime Board (India) is *a* bipartite body of seafarers and shipowners and it is for the shipowners to decide which union is most representative of Indian ratings for the purpose of recognition and collection bargaining.

Violation of statutory provisions of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958

2769. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether compIaints of violation of statutory provisions of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 which extends minimum rights to the seamen have been received by Government authorities and the ship owners from Forward Seamen's Union of India (Calcutta);

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to stop such violations;

(c) whether it is a fact that the decisioris of statutory Tripartite Board of Seamen's Employment Board are being violated and that no meeting of the saic board was held since August 1986 despite the fact that the rules stipulate such meetings to he held every three months;

(d) whether it is also a fact that despite a High Court's verdict so far no tribunal has been set up by Government for implementation of agreement with National Maritime Board regarding over time allowance and retention allowances to seamen; and

(e) what steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT). (a) and (b) Unless the nature of violations of statutory provisions of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 are quoted specifically, it is not possible to indicate the action taken to stop- such alleged violations.

(c) The contents of the question pertaining to -violation of Seamen's Employment Board decisions are too vague to identify Which decisions of the Board are referred to. The-reasons for not holding the Seamen's Employment Board meeting after August, 1986 are the non-congenial

conditions created by intimidation, gheraos, assault etc by the Forward Seamen's Union of India in the context of National Maritime Board Agreement.

(d) and (e) Government has decided in terms of section 150 of Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 to refer the disputes submitted by the Forward Seamen's Union of India to the Tribunal for adjudication.

Delhi University Merit Promotion Scheme

2770. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the statement made in response to Rajya Sabha Calling Attention dated 21st February, 1986 and the answer to Starred Questions 42 and 46 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th July, 1987 and state:

(4) whether Government/University Grants Commission have agreed to continue the Delhi University Merit Promotion Scheme (DUMPS) under Ordinance? XI, XII and XXIV;

(b) if so, what are the reasons why the teachers who opt for DUMPS and are promoted to post/scale of Reader or post of Professor, are to be given lower grades of pay (i.e. 3O00-50O0|450O-5700) than those who have been promoted under DUMPS between 1983 and June 1987; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to remove this anomlaly and if so, what are the details thereof?

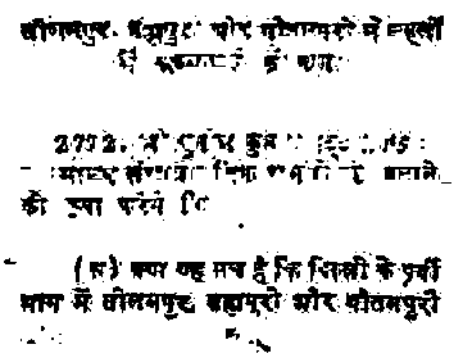
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) According to the scheme or revision, of pay scales, communicated by the GovernmeiHt of lndia on June 17, 1987 a provision has been made under which those teachers o any University who prefer to remain *fa the* existing Merit Promotion Scheme will have the option to do so. Accordingly, the Delhi University Merit Promotion Scheme will continue to be in operation in respect of teachers of Delhi University who opt for it. However, those who wish to continue under the scheme would be entitled only to the replacement scales of the Fourth Pay Commission and not the upgraded scales of Readers and Professors. The upgraded scales of Readers and Professors are part of a package involving certain conditions of achievement and assessment. There is no proposal to review this decision.

Nehru Yuva Kendras in Assam

2771. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRA-VARTY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to set up Nehru Yuva Kendras at Jorhat and Mangald'ai in Assam; and

(b) if so, by when these Kendras are expected to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MIN ISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These Kendras are expected to start functioning by the end of Vllth Five Year Plan period.